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A check with Legislative Counsel reveals that the Director's meeting with Senator Fulbright at 10:30 on Monday, 16 March, will cover Senator Fulbright's request for a report on what the government is now doing to aid in the creation of non-Communist political organizations in other countries. I was also advised that it is doubtful that a reply to Fulbright's letter will be necessary ~~that but this will~~ in view of the Monday meeting but that this will be positively determined after the meeting.

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February 27, 1959

Honorable J. W. Fulbright
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I have received your thought provoking letter of February 18, 1959, with regard to the possibility of developing an effective organization, grounded in democratic processes, which would be useful in meeting the threat of the international communist movement.

This is a subject to which we have been devoting a great deal of attention over the past years, and we have developed certain techniques which I should like to discuss with you at your convenience. Meanwhile, we will be giving further thought to the particular presentation in your letter and I will be in touch with you shortly.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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February 18¹⁸, 1959

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

You will recall that when you appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee recently, we discussed at some length the techniques of the international Communist movement in developing political influence in particular countries.

As you know, that movement is very active in attempting the formation on a world-wide basis of effective local political organizations which are grounded in Communist ideology. I am sure you would agree with me that the Communists have had considerable success in this endeavor. The current situation in Iraq, for example, seems to bear that out.

Recently I received a copy of a letter written by an Indian who lives in Kerala where the Communist party has had some significant successes. This man wanted to increase the strength of the opposition party, and his query could be boiled down to this: "How do people in the newly-independent countries create effective non-Communist political organizations when they have had little or no experience in politics? Where do they go for guidance?"

Of course, I don't think that we should be in the business of trying to form adjuncts of our Democratic or Republican Party in other countries. Nor do I think that all of the elements which have constituted our political experience --

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and those elements have surely varied in this country in certain situations -- would be applicable in a given situation abroad. But I do wonder whether we could not perhaps furnish some helpful guidelines to peoples in these other countries who are interested in developing political organizations grounded in democratic processes, organizations which would be independent from foreign control or influence, but which would be nonetheless effective.

I frankly don't know whether or not anyone in government worries about this. Since we have a vital interest in the strengthening of free nations and their democratic political institutions, it does seem to me that this is one area in which we have some know-how that might be transmitted to good advantage.

I would appreciate receiving your guidance in this matter. Could you furnish me a report on what, if anything, the government is now doing to aid in the creation in other countries of effective, non-Communist political organizations? I would also like to have your comments on what you think we could do in this area that we are not now doing.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

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<p>Remarks: Attached are two copies of a letter from Senator Fulbright to the Director which was received 24 February despite its date of 18 Feb. The Director has seen this and is very anxious to give the Senator "a thoughtful reply." The Director suggested that the matter be forwarded to [redacted] for their thoughts. I suggest that they might collaborate on a proposed reply for the DCI's signature. The Director also mentioned that this might be worth making some studies on the subject following a reply to the Senator.</p>					
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Legislative Counsel advises me that
no letter will be necessary--the meeting
on 16 March took care of it.

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